THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS (DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Import of Spares for Walking Dragling

3458. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of Mines and Minerals be pleased to state:

(a) whether Northern Coalfields Ltd. is continuing to import spares for walking dragling manufactured and supplies to it by the ailing Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that HEC offered to get the job of reconditioning done at five percent less cost then quoted by the US-based Bucyras International for reconditioning of dragling; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not helping the HEC by placing orders for repairs and reconditioning etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS (DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Accidents in Coal Mines

†3459. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of Mines and Minerals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lakhs of people have been affected due to fire and landslides in the Jhariya and Raniganj area of Bharat Coking Coal Limited;

(b) if so, the comprehensive details thereof;

(c) whether any study group has been set up by Government to conduct studies in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of the report and suggestions made therein; and

(e) the action being taken/proposed to be taken by Government to

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.